

# NFCUS Flexes its Muscles



— Charles Kinghorn

Igor Biriukov, left, vice-president of the Russian national students' union, is interviewed on the run by Daily news editor Dave Mayerovitch.

## Russian Student Leader Greeted At McGill

by DAVE MAYEROVITCH  
News Editor

An echo of Nikita Krushchev's American tour was sounded at McGill over the weekend with the arrival of Igor Biriukov, first Soviet student representative to visit Canada.

Biriukov, 33-year-old vice-president of Russia's national student union, spent last week at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. There he represented his country at the twenty-third Congress of the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

The Russian came to McGill on the invitation of Bryce Weir, president of the Students' Society, who was also at the NFCUS Congress. Biriukov arrived Sunday and attended a session of the Assembly of the World University Service of Canada (See story on page 3). He was interviewed for the CBC's International Service and yesterday took a sightseeing trip in the Laurentians ("Yes, the leaves turn this red in Russia also").

### HISTORY STUDENT

A post-graduate student in Russian history, Biriukov studies at the University of Moscow. Aside from his vice-presidential post, he also holds a position on *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, Communist youth organ, where he acts as a sub-editor for university affairs. He is married to a schoolteacher and has a six-year-old son.

Interviewed by the *Daily*, Biriukov confessed he found Canada different from his preconceived picture. "I had expected it to be like something from the writing of Jack London," he said. Biriukov reported that London is one

of the most popular of foreign authors among Russian readers, and some of his works unpublished here have been printed — in English — by the Soviet foreign language printing house.

Leafing through copies of the *Daily*, Biriukov (whose job includes responsibility for the student press), was disappointed by the dearth of political comment in the McGill columns.

"If you were to pick up one of our papers," he said, looking at a *Daily* article on the professor's raft, "you would find many political articles... But I do not say your way is wrong."

Biriukov's description of student council activities in Russia pointed up sharp differences with those here. Student endeavours tend to bear practical fruit, he explained, citing instances of student help in school construction or harvesting.

The Russian's comments gave a strong impression that Soviet students are keenly interested in national development. They are eager to offer suggestions on matters of nationwide concern, he said, and he named recent changes in educational organization and industrial decentralization as fields in which students had made themselves heard.

Biriukov left for Toronto by train last night. There he will be the guest of the U of T's Students' Administrative Council.

SASKATOON — (CUP) — A motion of "Why not?" passed in jest Friday at the NFCUS annual congress was indicative of the feeling that the federation was stronger than ever, and that it was able to provide more than discounts for students.

Resolutions that would have been unthinkable two years ago, passed through the plenary session of the largest congress yet with very little difficulty and often enthusiastic support.

The federation has now increased its scope nationally and internationally so that students may have difficulty in singing the old saw, "What are we getting for our money?" Motions passed ranged from plans for increased number of scholarships to a Canadian-Russian student exchange.

The congress revised and broadened its present inter-regional scholarship exchange

whereby a student may study at a university in another region for one year.

### TRAVEL DEPARTMENT

The travel department is to organize a program of tours for 1960 so that the students may travel from one region to another.

It entered the field of cultural activity when it incorporated the Canadian University Students Art Committee (CUSAC-CASEC) into the federation, as well as appointing the vice-president for national affairs to investigate the feasibility of establishing a cultural commission

independent of the National Affairs Commission. Doug Robertson of McGill is chairman of the subcommittee in charge of this year's work.

The congress also ventured into fields hitherto considered sacred. A telegram will be sent to the Prime Minister "asking him to honor the campaign pledge of the late Honourable Sidney Smith to institute a national scholarship and bursary scheme, and requesting the government to present views on this matter."

### BLAST FLEMING

It also went on record as, "deploring the remarks on university student problems made by the Honourable Donald Fleming in his speech in the House of Commons on April 30, and that he be informed of this matter."

Mr. Fleming had made some pointed remarks concerning students in need of financial help. He stated that he had worked his way through college and didn't see why others could not do so also.

In spite of these increased measures the congress was still recalcitrant on giving itself the voice typical of many other national unions who become involved in politics.

### WARY ON POLITICS

It passed a motion that the federation avoid political complications because of the thin dividing line between student and non-student matters pertaining to politics. "The official NFCUS policy is that the political issues as such should be considered by the federation only insofar as they are obvious, and of immediate concern to students in their role as students."

Until this congress the executive has carried out few student plans on the international level — although it participated in many events — because of lack of support from the students and because of financial inability.

The following motion would have been unheard of at a prior congress. "Be it resolved that a 'symbolic' scholarship be established for one Algerian student..."

### OTHER MOTIONS

Other motions were passed to: — establish a committee to discuss the position of women students within NFCUS

— accept a coat of arms prepared by Sir George Williams College

— prepare a brief on education in co-operation with the Canadian Association of Medical Students and Internes to be presented to the Minister of Finance.

## Montreal Student Leads Federation

SASKATOON — (CUP) — A fourth year engineering student at the University of Montreal has been elected president of the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

Jacques Gerin was acclaimed to NFCUS' highest position Saturday afternoon at the closing session of the twenty-third annual congress, held in Saskatoon.

Gerin drew a thunderous standing ovation from 115 delegates, observers, and guests as he called for a united effort by all Canadian students in working for the attainment of their common ends.

Speaking in English and French, Gerin stressed that in his view the most important problem faced by the university students was one of education.

### LOOKS TO FUTURE

He continued, "We must do everything within our power to ensure that a university-level education is available to all students, both those of the present and the future."

Gerin — who was formerly vice-president of AGEUM, the students' union of the U of M — was nominated for the presidency by Alma Mater Society President Peter Meekison.

The new president, who assumed office from the outgoing president Mortimer Bistrisky, leaves this week for Leiden in the Netherlands to carry out his first official duties as president.

He will chair a meeting of COSEC, the Co-ordinating Secretariat of the International Students' Conference.

He will then return by way of England to Canada, where he will begin the president's annual tour NFCUS' 33-member universities.

### HEENAN ELECTED

In the other executive elections, former McGill Students' Society president Roy Heenan was elected by acclamation as International Affairs vice-president, and former NFCUS Western regional president Russ Brinks of UBC was elected National Affairs vice-president.

The new regional presidents are: Atlantic region, James Ross of UNB; Quebec region, Pierre Desrosiers of Laval; Ontario region, Denis Halliwell of the University of Western Ontario, and in the Western region, Bruce Rawson of the University of Saskatchewan won the only contested election of the day as he defeated candidates from Manitoba and UBC.

Canon H. L. Puxley of Kings University in Halifax was elected NFCUS honorary president for 1959-60. Canon Puxley has shown a great deal of interest in the federation.

## U of M Welcomes Sauvé

The new premier of the Province, the Hon. Paul Sauvé, will be the guest of the University of Montreal sometime this month, probably on the twenty-fourth.

The visit is at the official invitation of Msgr. Irénée Lussier, rector of the University. It is felt that this visit may be to inform the premier on the University situation. Shortly after his election, M. Sauvé had said he would inquire into the education question.

The General Students Association at the University of Montreal, AGEUM, plans to write a letter to the premier, inviting him to meet with the students at the same time.

In a speech at Rimouski, Sauvé said he desired to see that Quebec had the best possible educational structure.

It still remains to be seen whether he intends to make any changes in the late premier's educational policies, though it is thought that he will maintain the same stand on Federal grants.

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## More News From the National Congress

# NFCUS Budget Up This Year

SASKATOON — (CUP) — The National Federation of Canadian University Students will spend an estimated \$53,652 this year, but students will have greater control over the now financially stable federation.

In spite of a \$7 and \$373 loss from the debating association and national seminar respectively, NFCUS managed to end up with a surplus of \$2,315.94 as compared to a deficit of over \$4,000 the previous year.

The big difference lay in the travel department, which had a surplus of \$172.65 as compared to a \$1,463.19 deficit the year before.

Following a quiet debate the congress granted \$31,352 to the general account, which includes administrative costs, sundries, and the salary of the full-time president. Prior to the plenary session the standing finance committee of six presidents spent 10 hours going over the budget.

### BUDGET ESTIMATES

The travel department was granted a budget of \$8,550, and expenditure for the university debating association was estimated by the executive secretary to be \$1,000, while that of the national seminar — should there be one next year — was estimated at \$3,000. The last two items are not included on the regular budget because these expenses are met by outside sources.

All members of the national office will receive a pay boost as follows: the president, up from \$2,800 to \$3,300; the executive secretary, \$5,000 to \$5,500, and the travel director, \$3,600 to \$4,500. In addition, last year's president, Mortimer Bistrisky, received a \$400 bonus.

Delegates felt the raise to be justified because of the amount and type of work done by the

national office which often requires much overtime.

### MORE CONTROL

In creating more of a check over the national secretariat, the congress felt that students did not have enough control at present. The executive will now issue semi-annual reports to member universities, not later than one month after the date of the statement.

It also asked that the annual budget be prepared before the national congress, and that it must not be exceeded except under special circumstances, but all such excesses must, "be ratified by the national executive, and their minutes pertaining to such expenditures be made available to the auditors."

Every activity or project will appear on the books whether or not it is handled through the national office. In the past such items as the short story contest, the photography contest, and the national congress have not appeared. In addition universities are to submit a financial statement of all projects on which they receive a mandate.

### FEE DEADLINES

To aid the national secretariat in keeping within these qualifications the congress also passed a motion that 50 per cent of the fees will be due, "no later than November 30 and 50 per cent by February 28." The spring date was extended for universities which do not receive all its allocation until well into the second term. The fiscal year was also changed to run from August 1 to July 31.

## "Students — Wake Up" Says Panel

SASKATOON — (CUP) — Canadian students do not enjoy equality of opportunity in education, but it is partly their own fault.

This was the consensus of a student professor panel discussion held at the NFCUS conference last week.

Roy Heenan, McGill NFCUS Chairman and newly elected international affairs vice-president of NFCUS, struck out at what he termed, "a complete lack of student interest". Peter Meekison, president of the UBC Alma Mater Society, warned of the need for "students to tell people what the universities stand for, because it is in this area that interest must be aroused."

Heenan and Meekison were part of the panel which discussed, "Does Canadian youth enjoy equality of opportunity at the higher educational level?"

The two other members were: Saskatchewan Arts and Science Dean J. F. Leddy, and Colb McEown, assistant to the president of the university.

### FEES MUST DROP

Heenan felt that not only was there no equality in education, but that, "the Canadian people don't know or don't care. Only in the United States and Canada fees are being increased, but they must come down."

However, he believed not only were citizens disinterested, but only a small amount of students cared about their own plight.

"How many times do we see students sitting around debating this issue? Unless we do something you can bet that no one else will," he said.

Meekison agreed with Heenan that a larger number of scholarships and bursaries should be made available. "At present scholarships go — and rightly so — to the brilliant students, so there should be far more bursaries."

He agreed with the McGill chairman's statement that ability should be the sole criteria for entrance to university, but added

to this. "I believe that students who have a desire to go to university, and work, should be allowed to do so."

Both Heenan, and Meekison made suggestions to improve the present conditions. Heenan recommended that university students visit high schools to make students aware of the advantages

of a university education. Meekison believed increased radio and television activity was one of the answers.

Mortimer Bistrisky, the now past-president of NFCUS, told the assembly he was quite sure students wanted nothing for nothing, "but will work for aid through hard intellectual sweat."

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#### HAMS MEET

The Amateur Radio Club holds its regular meeting today, 13:00 hours, Altie Shack, Union.

#### PLAYWRIGHT AND MAKE-UP GROUPS BEGIN

The Department of English holds the first meetings for two drama groups today. Playwrights gather in the McTavish St. Workshop from 3 to 5 pm. The introductory class in stage make-up meets backstage at Moyse Hall, also from 3 to 5 pm.

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB WELCOMES PLAYERS

Any bridge players will be welcome at the Duplicate Bridge Club's meeting tonight, 7 pm, Union Clubroom.

#### FRANKLIN SOCIETY OPENS SEASON

The Franklin Society holds its initial meeting tonight. Speaker is Milton M. R. Freeman of the Zoology Department. He will speak on "Land of the Cold Coasts", also showing slides on Spitzbergen. 8:15 pm. Room 106, PSC (enter from campus side).

#### JAZZ SOCIETY

#### MEETING POSTPONED

The weekly meeting of the Jazz Society will be held on Thursday at 1 pm in the Union Ballroom instead of today as was previously announced.

#### NEWMAN CLUB

#### HEARS LECTURE

Rev. L. Stanford, S.J. addresses the Newman Club tonight on "God — Myth or Reality?". 8 pm, Newman Centre.

#### SWAP SESSION

#### FOR PHILATELISTS

The Philatelic Society holds a trading session tonight. Stamps should be brought. 7:30 pm, Union Lounge.

#### PLAYERS' CLUB

#### SCHEDULES CASTING

The Players' Club holds two casting sessions today for their major production 1 to 2 pm and 7:30 to 8:30 pm, Walter M. Stewart Room, Union.

### Wednesday

#### MATHEMATICIANS HEAR

#### PROFESSOR FINDLAY

Prof. G.D. Findlay will address the Mathematics Society at its first meeting. His topic is "Group Theory and Applications". 1 pm Room 106, PSC.

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# WUSers Work on Weekend

by DENIS COUPLAND

Policy changes, committee reports and the election of new officers filled the schedule of the National Assembly of World University Service of Canada, which took place at McGill during the weekend.

## WUSers Elect New Officers; Return Others

The National Assembly of the World University Service of Canada completed its weekend schedule with the election of officers for the coming year.

Governor-General George Vanier was elected honorary president of the National Assembly and Dr. Andrew Stewart, chairman of the CBC board of governors, was reinstated as national president.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS

Among those acclaimed to the vice-presidency were Dr. C. T. Bissell, president of the University of Toronto, Reverend Father Clément Cormier, Rector of St. Joseph's University; and Dr. Walter A. Johns, president of the University of Alberta, successor to Dr. Stewart at that institution.

Also named were Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, president of Acadia University, Msgr. Irénée Lussier, rector of the University of Montreal, Msgr. Alphonse-Marie Parent, rector of Laval University, Dean F.H. Soward, assistant dean of graduate studies at UBC, and the Very Reverend H.F. Légaré, rector of the University of Ottawa.

### CHAIRMANSHIPS

Dean James A. Gibson, dean of Arts and Science at Carleton University, was unanimously re-elected National Chairman and Don Johnston, a McGill Arts student was named Vice-Chairman.

William J. Bouris, was elected as chairman of the Business and Finance Committee and Bruce Lockwood, barrister and solicitor, was made treasurer.

Faculty members elected to the National Committee included Prof. John Weaver, University of Saskatchewan; Fa-

Two McGill students who were among the 90 delegates attending the Assembly, were elected to new positions. Don Johnston was elected vice-chairman of the National Committee, the highest student position, and Julian Fancott, co-chairman of McGill WUS, was named to the Committee as a student member.

### WUSC AID NEEDED

Dean James A. Gibson, Dean of Arts and Science at Carleton University and chairman of the National Committee, described the real need for aid from WUSC in many underdeveloped countries. He said that Canadian contributions have gone towards such things as hostels for homeless; the printing of text books in local dialects; student health centres; and various exchange scholarships.

However, Dean Gibson emphasized that WUS does not exist solely for relief, but for educational activities as well, thereby creating a better understanding of world problems.

### SEMINAR IN ISRAEL

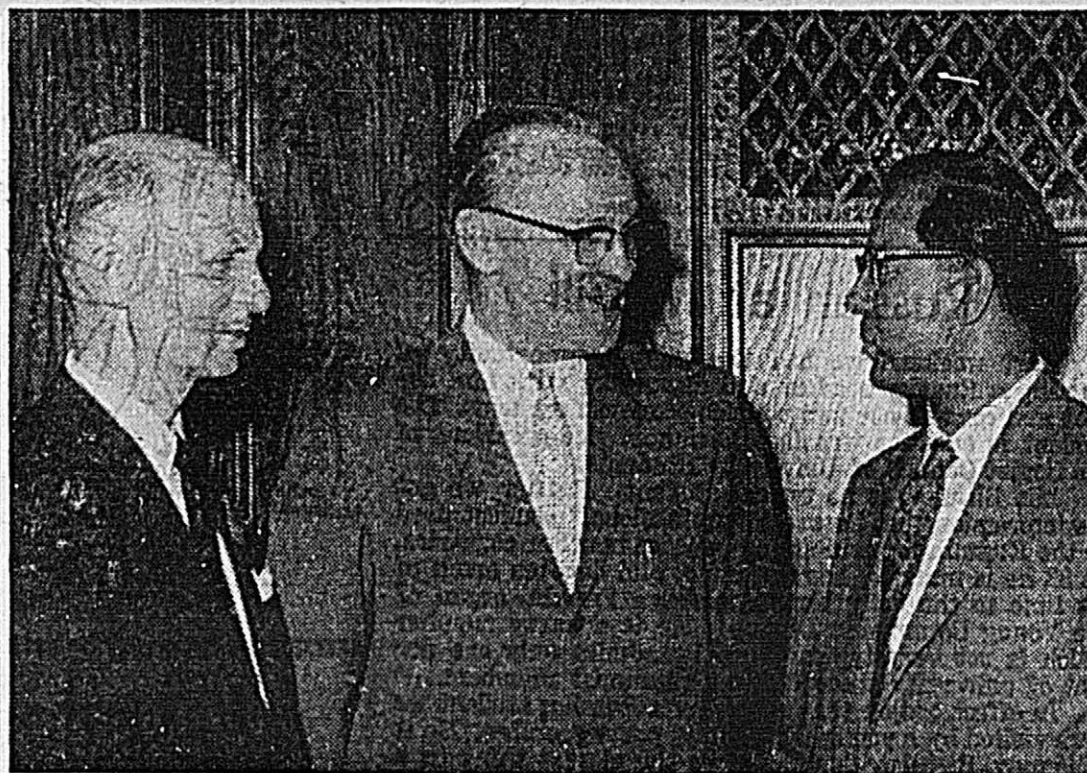
In other business the Assembly approved of Israel as the site of the 1960 summer seminar. Last summer's seminar, attended by 40 Canadian delegates, took place in the West Indies.

The Treasure Van, which visits the University each year, has been taken over as a WUSC sub-committee. Mrs. Ethel Mulvaney, the woman who organized it and ran it

ther Malone, president of Loyola College, and Dean MacDonald of Toronto University.

The others were Prof. Morin, University of Montreal; Prof. Colman, University of Western Ontario; Prof. Woodfine, St. Xavier University; and Dr. W. O. Fennell as the representative of the NCCUC.

Student members of the National Committee are Julian Fancott, McGill University; Jim O'Grady, Queens University; Bob Matthews, University of Toronto; Brian Fleming, Dalhousie University; Jacques Sylvestre, University of Montreal; and Marjorie Johnson, University of Western Ontario.



— Ed Stahlberg

Dr. Andrew Stewart, (centre), chairman of the CBC board of governors and president of WUSC, chats with Lewis Perinbam, retiring general secretary of WUSC, (right) and Dean James A. Gibson, chairman of the National Committee, at a banquet on St. Helens Island, Saturday evening.

in past years, has been given a position on the committee. Net assets of the Treasure Van, over \$15,000 last year, are turned over to WUSC.

A resolution was passed that all money intended for international uses should be turned over directly to the International Assembly. The Business and Finance Committee further moved that a minimum of one dollar per capita should be sought from student bodies across Canada.

Dr. Andrew Stewart, chairman of the CBC board of governors and president of the National Assembly, said at a banquet Saturday night that in fund campaigns, the aims of WUS, namely education and betterment of international relations, must not be forgotten. Another speaker at the banquet was Bernard Ducret, General Secretary of the International Assembly, who came over from Geneva to attend the Assembly.

## McGillians Greet Soviet Representative



— Charles Kinghorn

Russian student representative Igor Biriukov, centre, checks his schedule after his arrival at Dorval airport. Left to right are SEC member Sandra Zelnicker, WUS co-chairman Bob Morrison, Students' Society President Bryce Weir, Biriukov, Daily news editor Dave Mayerovitch, and Red Wing Derry Allen. (Story on page 1.)

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## Russian at McGill

Last weekend we had the unique opportunity of meeting a Russian student and discussing with him the pros and cons of our two politico-economic systems. The student in question was Igor Biriukov, vice-president of the Soviet Council of University Students.

Mr. Biriukov is no typical student. Rather, we got the impression that he was a "professional" student used by the Kremlin for exhibition purposes in other countries. At 33 he is married, has one child, and devotes much of his time to the daily Komsomolskaya Pravda, organ of the Young Communist League. He is a party member which is not very typical since he admits only one per cent of university students are Communist members.

In effect, rather than receiving a Russian student we were visited by a young Communist party member. Be it as it may, Biriukov doubtlessly is the closest thing to a bona fide Russian student McGill has seen, and his views probably approximate those held by a majority of Russian students.

This was Biriukov's second visit to this continent and he was obviously at ease in capitalist surroundings. He was definitely sincere in his preference of Communism over capitalism even though his two exposures to the Western way of life have given a fairly accurate picture of our social and political system.

The McGill students who had the opportunity of meeting and talking with our Russian visitor learned much of Soviet views, their way of life, and Communism in general. It was indeed refreshing to talk face to face with an avowed Communist rather than listen to American propaganda on the Communist way of life.

Biriukov also learned much from his encounter with western students. We hope he will return to Russia with an accurate account of our capitalistic system. We also hope the Soviet Union will see fit to send further student delegations to Canada — next time perhaps a little more typical.

## It Could Be WUS

Over the past week-end, the McGill Union has been the site of the National Assembly of the World University Service of Canada. For four days, student and faculty delegates from 28 Canadian universities have been planning the W.U.S.C. programme for the coming year.

W.U.S. is the type of organization, with vague but high ideals, which is always in danger of being long on platitudes and short on action. It is dedicated, its pamphlets say, to the "ideal of an international university community transcending national and racial barriers."

Endowed with a somewhat sceptical view toward such statements, we were surprised to discover that the work of this organization is both down-to-earth and worthwhile.

Admittedly, the programme of W.U.S. of Canada is not spectacular, in the headline-grabbing sense of that word. One receives the impression, however, that within its limited objectives, the programme is organized with great thoughtfulness and a due sense of perspective.

The Canadian W.U.S. Committee is primarily concerned with the development of direct contact, for purposes of communication and mutual aid, between university people all over the world. Its scholarship programme, its contribution to the well-planned international assistance programme, and its summer seminars are all small but very definite moves toward this end.

Because of the nature of the work, much of the planning is detailed and tedious. We sometimes received the impression that some exceptionally brilliant men were frittering away their time on trivia in some of the committee sessions.

Nonetheless, there was a definite sense of practical dedication pervading the assembly, coupled with what the world head of W.U.S. termed "générosité de coeur".

Neither dewy-eyed idealists nor dry-brained theoreticians, the members of W.U.S. of Canada seem determined to combine a rational, pragmatic approach with an intense desire to become more involved with the educational problems of the rest of the world. In this, they exemplify the hard-headed emotionalism defined by Walt Kelly's wry comment on the Khrushchev visit: "A lump in the throat is worth two on the head".

Is there any real hope for international understanding? It could be W.U.S.



FOR THOSE WHO ARE THINKING OF JOINING

## Letters to the Editor

### Dollar a Year Professors?

Sir: With something not unlike a feeling of trepidation I awaited the reactions to my letter last year on the question of increasing the rewards, financial or otherwise, to teachers on the University level. I suggested that this immensely important problem could be tackled and solved by giving our University professors more of what they crave most: not more money, but more prestige. I suggested that the University consider adopting a method which worked well in the days of Elizabeth I: when a pirate succeeded in hijacking a quantity of Spanish gold on the high seas, he gave her half and she turned him into an earl; when a soldier proved to be an especially skillful butcher and plunderer and sacked a French coastal town, he turned over two thirds of the take and pronto was named a baron; six shillings in the time of James I was enough to purchase a knighthood, and it is reported that on one Sunday in particular the royal treasury took in enough money to pay for the translation of the Bible into English. My plan was to farm out a number of earldoms, dukedoms, and baronetcies to deserving profs, and dangle the genuine possibility of an authentic "Sir Knight" in front of every other faculty member not so named. The scheme, from any point of view, especially from the common sense standpoint, was obviously worthy of a try.

Yet the net result fell on immoderately deaf ears. The results are apparent: McGill and her sister Universities are still short of hired help. The M.A.s and the Ph.D.s are all nuzzling towards the high paid corporate pastures. Rumour even has it that several members of the Department of Economics have gone into the real estate brokerage business in order to pick up pin money with which to pay their rent and live in statistically average comfort.

An end sir, must come to this notorious inaction. If one scheme falls sourly flat on its face, then we must dig into our frayed pockets and fish out another. The scheme therefore, this writer is advocating this year is that we treat our ever dwindling stock of Professors and Associate Professors much in the same way Washington, London, and perhaps even Moscow, treated their leading industrial and organization geniuses during the critical years of the war. They drafted these giants into compulsory service, seated them behind important desks, gave them world-shaking

decisions to make, and paid them a noble one dollar a year. Let therefore our University mentors be known as the Dollar a Year Men of Higher Education. Let them forgo their paltry salaries, which sicken into insignificance alongside the annual take of the average door to door salesman. This decidedly more prestigious set up will unquestionably galvanize a veritable horde of Ph.D.s into the Universities and Colleges, bringing a swift, dramatic end to the problem of University teacher shortage. The Dollar a Year Professor, by his very existence, will end the most harrowing, indeed, the most iniquitous injustice that has been yet contrived, whereby the Law professor could not afford to pay the income tax owed to the Provincial Government (The Federal Government can afford to wait — it is not that close to bankruptcy) by some of the more garishly vocal, divorce lawyers. The Dollar a Year Associate Professor will do away with the incredible situation in which the average member of this species earns about as much as a nail paring book-keeper. As to the Dollar a Year Assistant Professor, and his lowly confrere, the Dollar a Year Lecturer, they no longer will have to blanch with shame every time they are kidded for earning as much as the statistically average corner grocery message boy, on the basis of statistics released by the Dominion Bureau in 1933.

The venerable dollar a year will place them in a class by themselves. Like their brethren, the gentlemen of the cloth, they will live and feed on free air. Yet their contribution to society will be enormous. Think of the money McGill would save if its annual payroll were four or five hundred dollars a year. Student fees would sink to an all time low. Instead of scratching out a four figure check every September, students would be able to pay their annual fees in small change. Scholarships and bursaries would abound, no one would have to stay out of school a year in order to scrounge together his next years fees, and creative geniuses wouldn't have to push hacks to meet their commitments. Best of all, the feud between the Federal and Provincial Government on the subject of aid to the Universities would be solved. Ottawa would retreat from its Rich Uncle position and Quebec would gracefully give in to an unprecedented outburst of munificence: it would grant each and every one of Quebec's Universities the round sum of a dollar a year.

### Peepul just dont unnerstand

dear ed: in u'r editorial "The Back of the Moon" (Oct. 6) u refer to the "jaded imagination" of the science fiction writer. this is an antonym of the adjectives which should be used, the dictshunary refers to jaded as tired or worn out and that is how one could describe the imaginashun of the hollywood riff-raff who write and direct the horror movies that you seem to be mistaking for science fiction. these movies are only distantly related to S. F. in that they might have begun as science fiction plots but by the time they reach the screen they are unrecognizable as science fiction. S. F. rarely deals with "slobbering malevolent things" or if such things do appear they turn out to be sweet tempered or they have a sense of humour.

and as for this foolushness about dreams having to expand a few millyon miles to find new realms.... whar hav u bin? i red a story a few years ago about a planet so far away and so far in the Future that the peepul read S. F. about what life was like back on earth. peepul just don't understand S. F. "Jaded imagination"... Ha! Ha! Ha!

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### Praises Eat, Drink Attitude

Sir: Exit Byron and Shelley! Depart, Saroyan! Romanticism has a new champion in the editorial writers of the "Daily". I don't mean they sit in the office mooning over the legs of the coeds passing by, but that they write in a fresh, even gay, style. We are all tired of being belabored by the cares of the world as exemplified in the editorials of the "Star" and New York "Times". After all, who really cares what Khrushchev does next, eats a hot dog or fires a rocket?

Others now are fretting about the latest Soviet Lunik. "Does this mean the end of civilization?" their headlines trumpet, as they have been trumpeting for lo, these 20 years. But not the "Daily". An imaginative piece on the end of a bit of romance was inserted instead. After the worries of the "outside world" have sated themselves on us, let us turn to our college journal for more of these "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we write exams" words.

Arete, Law II

P.Q.







# An Alternative to Annihilation

BY J. B. WITCHELL

Almost unnoticed in the Press, an event of life or death significance to each one of us occurred in the wake of Castro's success in Cuba. A B26 bomber of the Cuban Air Force piloted by two Batista refugees landed at Daytona Beach Fla.

Why is this important to us? Simply because the approach and landing of this obsolete, slow-moving aircraft was undetected by the elaborate radar network which surrounds this continent. This is admitted by the USAF, according to such press reports as were published. More amazing still, the ancient bomber actually passed close to Cape Canaveral, where there are probably more radars of all types than any other place in the Western world. Yet this World War II machine, making no attempt at concealment, was unnoticed.

Is it not time we woke up to the fact that our present defence set-up offers us no defence at all? If the old Cuban bomber had been a flight of modern Russian jets we would not now be alive to read the USAF excuses for its non-detection.

If we are to believe what we read in the papers, the air defence of Canada is centred in the NORAD control centre at Colorado Springs. In order to balance the American budget, this centre was not built into mountain side, but is above ground. Since its location is accurately known, it will obviously cease to exist in the first few seconds of the next war. It will be vaporised together with the other U.S. excuses for a non-existent defence. Sorry podner!

Why not face facts? They are really very simple. Briefly, the position is this. There is no defence against nuclear attack. Even the defence provided by the "balance of terror" is rapidly vanishing. As from the already tense age of the manned bomber we move into the missile age, we move inevitably into a situation where in the time available for the decisions which mean the survival or otherwise of the human race will be reduced to seconds. The data on which these decisions are to be based comes from a fantastically complicated morass of electro-mechanical junk which becomes, in effect, the sensitive fess of an infernal machine set to destroy our civilisation. This is in itself an intolerable situation. When to it is added the fact that the Russians will undoubtedly achieve full missile capability before the U.S., it becomes suicidal. It becomes quite evident that the sole result of our present association with the U.S. in "defence" is that we will share with them a one-way ticket to Valhalla.

We need, therefore, an alternative to annihilation. There is an alternative, if we have the moral courage and spirit to take it. Our present course, trusting in gizmos, will take us via the various stages of national bankruptcy to a world nuclear catastrophe of which we will be the first victims, together with the U.S. and Britain. Let us instead place our trust in the living God.

What does this mean? It means that we base our national policies in defence and foreign affairs upon a basis of morality instead of expediency, fear, or economic pressure.

Let's be specific. It means that we jolt the interminable wrangles of the disarmament conferences into sanity with the simple assertion that, for our part, we have no intention of using or possessing nuclear weapons or other mass-destruction devices, neither do we intend to rely upon the protection of those nations which do.

It means that we set our statesmen free from the strait-jacket of military pacts and give them our backing in seeking, with all good will, a peaceful solution to international problems. It means that we resign from the rat-race of bigger and deadlier missiles, nerve gases, bacterial agents, etc. It means that we disassociate ourselves completely from the crude Dulles policies of threats and bribes.

How can we then expect to succeed? How may we hope to arrive at the end-product of true national defence—a free and non-radioactive country? Will our new policy not be regarded by the Communist nations as weakness, and will they not attack us?

In the very nature of things, this world offers us no certain security. As someone once wrote, there is a certain hazard attached to being alive at all. It is quite possible, by insisting upon absolute security from one danger, to expose oneself to another danger which is actually more imminent. This is exactly what we are at present doing. By insisting upon an unattainable military security, we are throwing away our only chance of real security in the nuclear age—the preservation of peace. By continuing the discredited policy of massive deterrence into the missile age, we automatically enter a phase in which both sides, by simple military necessity, will be obliged to prepare a "pre-emptive" attack—an attack to be delivered just before the enemy delivers his. This is inescapable, since neither side can afford to accept the crushing "first blow" which can so swiftly be delivered. The only difference between the preparations for "pre-emptive" attack and those for aggressive attack lies in the attackers' intentions (which are intensely suspect by the prospective victim). Both sides must then interpret the other's preparations as evidence of intention to attack. This process can only end in a frantic last-minute race to press the button which will destroy friend, foe and stranger alike. Thus the present policies offer us absolutely no hope whatsoever. Regardless of the fact that neither side desires it, the great powers are caught in a mechanical which can only end in war.

The alternative, the only alternative, is nuclear disarmament. Canada is particularly well placed to give a lead in this matter. It should be followed by as many countries as possible. Also, the Western nations as a whole must abandon completely the Suez mentality—it must be recognized that if business men wish to invest in foreign countries, they must be prepared to take the attendant risks of political instability. They must not look to their Government to bail them out with gunboats and Marines.

A settlement must be made with Russia on the basis of the status quo. Such a settlement would have been much easier and less expensive to make if it had been made earlier—as it would have been if Western policy had been less negative. We will have to face up to the fact that in this settlement the Western powers will not be able to maintain all the privileges of paramount power which they have for so long taken to be their right.

It is, of course, perfectly true that this will be interpreted by the Communists as weakness. It is also true that they will attack. But it is not true that this will come as an all-out military attack.

Let us assume that all Western nations with the exception of the U.S. reject nuclear weapons and eject the American offensive bases from their soil. The threat then proposed by the American nuclear arms will no longer be such as to oblige the Russians to annihilate them. American will be left hugging a few "big and dirty" H-bombs which she is afraid to use, but might conceivably use if she was herself attacked. Although this is still a dangerous situation we may hope that the hazard may be accepted by a confident Communism which will see it as evidence that capitalism is crumbling according to

plan. There will therefore be little incentive to Russia to start a big war, the dangers of which she fully appreciates.

At this stage we can expect Russia to make some local gains by force, due to over-confidence. These actions will expose the Communist character and stiffen ideological resistance. They must be resisted to the death by local, non-nuclear armed forces in token resistance, but big world-involving pacts must not be entered into or allowed to bring about global war. In this connection, it is worth noting that when in 1945 Russia was faced with the prospect of such resistance from a pactless Turkey, no attack was made. Determined morale can be a genuine deterrent.

When Russia has achieved her immediate ambitions, and is in a position of unassailable military strength, she can be expected to relax, to concentrate on consumer production and endeavour by political and economic means to achieve her long-term objectives.

If by then the spirit of true freedom has been revived in Western nations, she will not achieve those objectives. To understand how this can happen, let us take an illustration of the methods by which Communism pursues its advance. The subversion of Trade Unions is both important and typical. It takes place due to the energy and conviction of the Communists, and the apathy of the masses. Once it has obtained its grip, it rules by fear. It can only be resisted by individual workers of character and stern moral fibre. The strength demanded, indeed, is a strength beyond that of unaided man. It can only be provided by personal faith and dedication to the living God. A revival of the true spirit of freedom, therefore, is dependent upon a revival of that great Spirit of love, of power and of a sound mind—the Holy Spirit of the Creator.

If we are granted this (and we may claim it if we wish), the Western nations will survive. With no external threat to unite them, the Communist world will begin to break up. The ways of peace they have not known, and what according to their theories is impossible will actually occur—the Communist countries will fight among themselves. We have already seen how this can happen—Yugoslavia is an obvious example.

The time of decision is close upon us. We must soon make our choice. Shall we follow Dulles over the brink, to ruin and both moral and physical defeat, or shall we follow God and our conscience? It will not be an easy choice, and even if we choose rightly we will not find our way smooth. It will be beset with many dangers and enemies. Its success in this world is dependent, as national survival must always be, upon the resolution of the individual citizen. But its ultimate success is assured. Before God and man we will have done our utmost for our country's defence—not at the expense of the human race, but as part of it.

## Playboy

The *Playboy* of the Western World, John Millington Synge's perennially popular comedy which has become a world classic, ushers in Theatre du Nouveau Monde's ninth big repertory season at Orpheum Theatre on Friday, Oct. 16. First of several productions on the TNM 1959-60 schedule, "Playboy" will star Dyne Mousseau and François Tasse, and will be directed by Jean Gascon.

Produced in French in Paris in 1913, in the Maurice Bourgeois adaptation, the Synge success scored a brilliant coup de théâtre. Such well-remembered names as Lugne-Poe and Pitoëff were connected with the play, and it scored as well in long runs on the continent and in the United States. The last performance of the play was in 1941 when Marcel Herrand and Jean Marchat performed it with le Théâtre des Mathurins.

## savant

*I met a mystic from an antique age  
Who thought the world metempsychotically arranged.  
The earthen bowels are made of bowels of men:  
From dust to life, and thither back again.  
He quoted scripture, Shakespeare, and John Donne,  
This latter saying humans seen totally are One —  
Not disunited growths, organically connected men:  
From dust to life, and thither back again.  
Rejecting Freud, he saw a deeper psyche-soma  
Revealed in trance, hypnosis, even coma;  
Before we met, he said, we had been friends:  
From dust to life and thither back again.  
He boasted non-servitude to traditions,  
He'd rid himself of sundry inhibitions.  
Yet to defecate upon the street he would not bend:  
From food to dung, and thither back again.  
His line of reasoning was never systematic  
And so rejected by me automatic —  
Allymentary was his argument:  
From dust to life, and thither back again.  
And so I listened for a couple hours,  
Submitting to his inebriative powers,  
Against materialism he could not score:  
From life to dust, and thither back no more !!!*

JERRY COHEN, B.A. 3

## Coming of Age on the Corner

(From Page 5)

black shoes. There is a bulge under his left armpit — his gun, another under his belt — his paunch, a corona-corona between his fleshy lips and he wears a black homburg, brim turned up, pushed back on his bald head.

SAM: Well there, Johnny Stallwerkmeiser, been lookin' for ya, kid.

JOHNNY: Gee, 'Mister Sera-glio, you been lookin' for me?

SAM: Can that 'mister' stuff, Johnny. Call me 'Sam'. You graduated from teen-agery. You're a big boy now.

JOHNNY: Sure, Mister Sera-glio — I mean, Sam. What you been lookin' fer me for?

SAM: Well, it's like this, Johnny. Me and the boys, we been keepin' an eye on ya. You got a lotta talent, boy, an' we figure we can use ya in the firm, hah? Besides, we can't have ya hangin' around a street corner wit' all these juvenile delinquents, sah? Ha, ha.

JOHNNY: Sure, Sam, anything you say, ha, ha.

(Sam reaches into his pocket, pulls out a diamond stickpin, puts it through Johnny's tie, then kisses him on both cheeks)

SAM: There, kid, now you're one of the boys. Oh, and here — we picked out a little birthday present fort ya at the pawn shop.

(He gives Johnny a gift-wrapped package).

JOHNNY: Jeez — thanks a lot. Can I open it now?

SAM: Uh — no, no — not there, Johnny. Wait 'till you get home.

JOHNNY: Okay.

SAM: Now I got some bills to collect, and I gotta go soon, so listen carefully. We figure it's no good lettin' you loaf around on the job, so you go home an' strap on your little birthday present there, then you meet me here in two hours an' you can help me deliver some medicine to some sick friends o' mine.

(They begin to walk off slowly).

JOHNNY: Is it all right if I call ya 'Boss', Sam?

SAM: Na, you don't wanna do that, Johnny, that's kid stuff. You're a big boy now.

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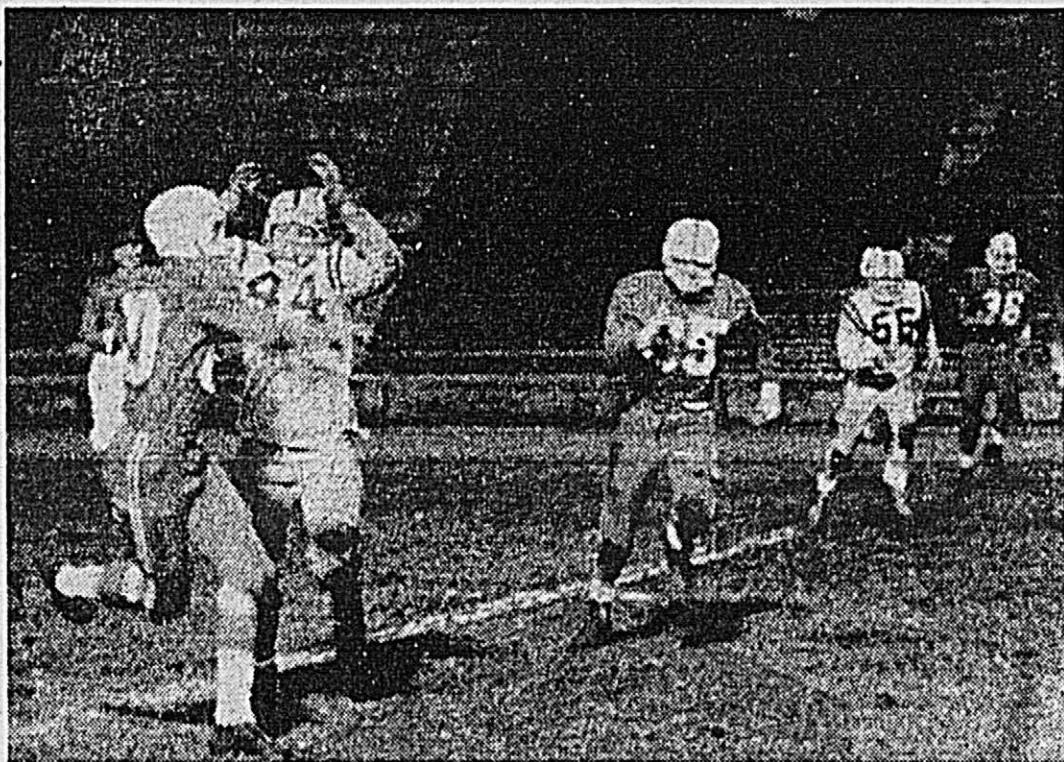
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# Redmen Find Offence Too Late; Western Humble Varsity Blues

## Mustangs Take League Lead



C-C-CRUNCH: 200 pound tackle John Ware is seen about ready to put a bear hug on McGill field general John Roberts. The pass was completed to end Gord Merritt. In the background are Joe Irvin (85), Dennis Sharpe (56), and Chuck Wood (36).

## Gaels Cling To Lead; Halt Redmen Final Try

by Phil SINGER

A game that turned out to be very exciting saw the McGill Redmen drop a 16-12 decision to the Queen's Golden Gaels on Friday night before approximately 4500 screaming spectators. In doing so, however, the Redmen finally got their offense untracked as a fourth quarter drive netted them two unconverted touchdowns.

The first quarter belonged to neither side as both teams played rather sloppy ball. The Redmen recovered two Queen's fumbles early in the game but were unable to move. A bad hike on third down prevented the Redmen from kicking and gave the Gaels first down on the McGill 51 yard line. But the Kingstons were unable to take advantage of the situation, and the first quarter ended in a scoreless tie.

A 13 yard running play early in the second quarter gave the Gaels a 6-0 lead. Halfback Terry Porter carried the ball across for the major. Porter was one of the outstanding players of the game. His running was superb, his tackling sharp, and he performed punting chores as well. Robin Ritchie made the convert good. The Gaels made it 9-0 when a McGill pitchout went astray and Willie Lambert was pinned behind his goal line after falling on the ball to prevent the opposition from scoring a major.

### FIRST REDMEN OFFENSE

McGill showed their first offensive drive of the season just after the second half got underway. The Red and White ploughed forward for over 35 yards in four plays before a fumble caused the ball to change hands. The Golden Gaels got nowhere and were forced to punt on third down. An intercepted McGill pass on the Redmen 32 yard line halted another strong Redmen offensive drive. After the exchange of punts the Gaels had the ball with first and ten on the McGill 28. Don Robb received a pass from quarterback Ken Plumley and stormed his way to the McGill 5 yard line. Another pass found Robb in the end zone. The convert made it 16-0 favour of the Gaels at the end of the third quarter.

The Redmen counted their first six pointer of the year after the five minute mark of the final frame. The touchdown was set up by Willie Lambert who carried the ball on two successive plays to the Gael 19. Joe Irvin scored on the

next play, a 19 yard reverse. Irvin's conversion attempt was short. Seven minutes later, the Redmen scored again. This time it was Willie Lambert running around the end for the major. Joe Irvin and Carl Hansen were the key factors in setting up this TD that culminated in a big march. The convert was no good and the score now read 16-12 for the Queen's Gaels.

The Redmen tried a short kick-off after their second touchdown but it failed to go the required ten yards. The Gaels were forced to punt after failing to make a first down and the game ended with the Redmen in possession at the midfield mark.

**THE BULLPEN:** Centre Al Klevorick of the Redmen was carried off the field on a stretcher in the second quarter and taken to hospital. However he was back at the game as a spectator in the second half. The Redmen failed to cover end Don Robb just as in the exhibition game at Kingston. Robb was a major factor in the Gael triumph. The Golden Gaels played for ten minutes on defence with a man short. Their spotter's phone broke down and he was unable to notify them about the situation. The Redmen did not score during that time. Judging from their performances on Friday, Terry Porter and Don Robb of the Gaels will probably land a berth on the Intercollegiate All-Star team. Besides those already named, Mike Pettit showed well for the Gaels. Carl Hansen and Willie Lambert were the outstanding Redmen on the field.

### SCORING SUMMARY QUEEN'S 16—McGILL 12

FIRST QUARTER	
Queen's: touchdown (Porter)	1:20
Queen's: convert (Ritchie)	
Queen's: safety touch (Richards)	
THIRD QUARTER	
Queen's: touchdown (Robb)	13:32
Queen's: convert (Ritchie)	
FOURTH QUARTER	
McGill: touchdown (Irvin)	5:27
McGill: touchdown (Lambert)	12:25

The Western Mustangs surprised many an expert on Saturday as they overpowered the "unbeatable" Toronto Blues before 10,000 pleased fans in Little Memorial Stadium in London. It was the first loss for the overrated Blues in 12 games and puts them into a second place tie with the Queen's Golden Gaels.

The Mustangs drew first blood and held on to take the all-important contest. It was sloppy Toronto ball handling that led to their loss. A Toronto fumble early in the first quarter gave Western her first scoring opportunity. She took advantage of it with 175 pound fullback Meeco Poliziani carrying the pigskin across for the winning touchdown. Bill Mitchell made it 7-0 with a convert.

In the second quarter, another Toronto fumble was picked up by Mitchell. This time it was halfback John Wydareny with a 12 yard end run for the touchdown. The convert was missed, but Mitchell added 3 points with a field goal towards the end of the first half to close the Mustang scoring.

The London team set up a strong defence in the second half

and held the Blues to 3 points. On more than one occasion the Blues were inside the home team's 10 yard line but could not cross the zero. Toronto got to the 3 and the 1 and had one pass intercepted on the 11.

Pete Potter put his 150 pounds behind a kick for a third quarter single and end Doug Jack was credited with a safety touch in the fourth. This was the extent of the Blues scoring.

The win puts Western in the top spot in the Intercollegiate loop. The Blues fall into a second place tie with the Gaels who defeated McGill 16-12. The Blues will meet Queen's next week while the Redmen travel to London to take on the league leaders.

SENIOR TRACK and HARRIER CANDIDATES	
The Following are asked to report at the lecture room in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m.	
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Gairdner	Ellis
Whalen	Land
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## MacDonald Defeats Soccer Team 3-1

In their first game of the season the McGill Soccer XI succumbed to MacDonald College by a score of three to one (3-1). Playing a hard tackling game the heavier MacDonald team held a definite territorial advantage in the first half and led by a score of 1-0 at half time. However in the second half the tables were turned territorially but unfortunately not in scoring. The McGill forwards penetrated the MacDonald defence time and time again as they used their speed to outmanoeuvre the slower MacDo-

nald defenders, but they failed in the most important phase — that of putting the ball in the net.

Hans Claus, in goal, played excellently making brilliant saves and showing remarkable anticipation in stopping some of the raids by MacDonald. Alister MacKenzie at inside left scored McGill's only goal with a quick hard drive from fifteen yards out.

Tonight at 8 p.m. under the lights on the Upper Field McGill will play the second game against the Loyola College XI. Following this the next game will be against the University of Toronto at McGill next Saturday. This will be the first of two games against the U. of T. to decide the Ontario — Quebec Athletic Association Soccer Championship.

## Gals Start Shooting

Tuesday, October 13 marks the opening day of the Women's Intramural Archery Tournament. Archerettes, weighed down with bows, arrows, Loden Green outfits, and other paraphernalia will play two rounds of this "ah origine" sport in Molson Stadium as representatives of faculties, fraternities, and residences. These sharpshooters, (and sharpshapers) will compete for the Silver Arrow, awarded to the top individual scorer in the tournament. The team accumulating the highest average will be acclaimed faculty winners.

The range is available from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, October 13 and 15 and from 12-2 Wednesday and Friday, October 14 and 16.

## Intramural Sports

**INTRAMURAL TENNIS**  
Due to the inclement weather of last week, two rounds of the tournament must be played today. The following contestants MUST be at the courts at 12:00 noon: Molson, McComb, Kubanek, Patal, Dublin, Renwick, Mohan, Frankl, Thompson, Jones, Falconer, P. Brencagla, Kupitsky, Nadel, Armitage, Shetler, and Leghari. In the event of rain, please check with the tournament official at the court at noon to see if your match is definitely cancelled.

**TOUCHFOOTBALL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1:00 p.m.  
Stad. Dents vs. Med 2 "B"  
L.C. Red Wings vs. Turkeys  
U.F. Reds vs. Blues  
Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 1:00 p.m.  
Stad. Turtles vs. Grads  
L.C. Raiders vs. Shysters  
U.F. Whites vs. Jels

Senior touchfootball games scheduled last Wednesday, Oct. 7, will be played on Monday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. All junior games postponed will be played on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22 and 23.

**SENIOR SWIMMING TEAM**  
All those interested in trying out for the Senior Swimming Team should attend the practice today at 5:30 p.m.

## Women's Sports

### Schedule

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
**ARCHERY:** Intramural outdoor tournament begins today at Molson Stadium, 1-2 p.m.  
**SWIMMING:** Speed swimming coaching 5-6 p.m. in the Currie pool; synchronized swimming 7:30-10 p.m.  
**BADMINTON:** Openings practice 7:30-10 p.m. in the Currie gym.  
**GOLF:** Intramural tournament at the Municipal Golf Course, Sherbrooke and Viau Sts.  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**ARCHERY:** Intramural outdoor tournament continues today at Molson Stadium, 12-2 p.m.  
**SWIMMING:** Speed swimming coaching 5-6 p.m. in the Currie pool.  
**VOLLEYBALL:** Practice 7-10 p.m. in the Currie gym.  
**GOLF:** Intramural tournament at the Municipal Golf Course, Sherbrooke and Viau Sts.  
**SOCCER:** Practice 4-6 p.m. on the Lower Campus.

### COLLEGIATE

#### STANDINGS

	P	W	L	T	P	A	Pts
Western	2	2	0	0	35	11	4
Toronto	2	1	1	0	45	17	2
Queen's	3	1	1	0	24	32	2
MCGILL	2	0	2	0	13	58	0

## Tennis Squad Finishes Second As U. of M. Wins

McGill's Tennis Team finished second among seven competing universities at the Intercollegiate Championships in Toronto this weekend. First place was won by Montreal's other representative in the tournament — the University of Montreal. The U. of M. led with 11 points, followed closely by McGill and Laval with 10 and nine points respectively.

The U. of M. victory was spear-headed by Francois Godbout, a member of Canada's Davis Cup team. Godbout proved to be the difference, as he annexed the Singles Title by defeating Michael Cescas of Laval 6-2, 6-2 in the finals. However, the feature match of the tournament took place earlier when Godbout beat fellow Davis Cupper John Basset 6-1, 6-4 in a third round match.

Although McGill's players were all sidelined by Friday, Keith Carpenter and Tom Bell garnered enough points before their setbacks to put the Red and White in second place in the tourney. Bell is the reigning Canadian Junior Closed Champion. Carpenter went to the semi-finals in the singles, but lost out to Cescas of Laval 6-2, 6-3. Carpenter also teamed with Derek Penner to form McGill's contending doubles combination. However, they too were sidelined in the semi-finals, bowling to Godbout and Maurice Gagnon 8-6, 6-1. Godbout and Gagnon were in turn defeated by Cescas and Michel Robitaille of Laval, 7-5, 6-1, who retained the Doubles Crown they had won last year.

The tournament, held at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, was highlighted by the play of Godbout. His months of training with the Davis Cup team showed up, as he was the outstanding player of the tournament. The Quebec entries included McGill, Laval, and the U. of M., while Ontario was represented by Queen's, Toronto, Western, and McMaster.



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